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09/703,349**B. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

In order to better assist the Examiner with the prosecution of the case, the current pending claims have been included in their entirety for which reconsideration is requested.

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1. (AMENDED) A method for interacting between participants through a network of computers, comprising:
analyzing successive video images received as input from a camera capturing video of at least one of the participants for an actual physical gesture made by the one participant; and
automatically generating a command to a software program enabling a real time communication between the participants to send a representation of the actual physical gesture within the real time communication.

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2. (AMENDED) A method for interacting between participants through a network of computers, comprising:
analyzing successive video images received as input from a camera capturing video of at least one of the participants for an actual physical gesture made by the one participant;
determining a state of the actual physical gesture made by the one participant;
accessing a table for an action associated with the determined state of the actual physical gesture; and
automatically generating a command for the action to a software program enabling a real time communication between the participants thereby sending a representation of the actual physical gesture within the real time communication.

3. (AMENDED) A method for communicating between participants through a network of computers, comprising:

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analyzing images of at least one of the participants received as input for an actual physical gesture;

associating each of a plurality of physical gestures to separate commands of an application program interface for communicating in real time between the participants; and

transmitting an associated command associated with the actual physical gesture from the analyzed images to the application program interface to send a representation of the actual physical gesture within the real time communication for communicating between the participants.

4. (AMENDED) A computer system having means for interacting between participants through a network of computers, comprising:

means for analyzing successive video images received as input from a camera capturing video of at least one of the participants for an actual physical gesture made by the one participant; and

means for automatically generating a command to a software program enabling a real time communication between the participants to send a representation of the actual physical gesture within the real time communication.

5. (AMENDED) A computer system having means for interacting between participants through a network of computers, comprising:

means for analyzing successive video images received as input from a camera capturing video of at least one of the participants for an actual physical gesture made by the one participant;

means for determining a state of the actual physical gesture made by the one participant;

means for accessing an associative mapping for an action associated with the determined state of the actual physical gesture; and

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means for automatically generating a command for the action to a software program enabling a real time communication between the participants thereby sending a representation of the actual physical gesture within the real time communication.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5 wherein the associative mapping is a table.

7. (AMENDED) A computer program, on a computer readable medium, having computer readable program code means for enabling an interaction between participants through a network of computers, comprising:

means for receiving input from image processing code means identifying an actual physical gesture made by one participant; and

means for automatically generating a command to a software program enabling a real time communication between the participants to send a representation of the actual physical gesture within the real time communication.

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